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For: SPILL PROOF SHELF	:	
ASSEMBLY METHOD AND	:	
STRUCTURE	:	

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Non Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendment prior to examination of the above-referenced application:

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 5, please delete paragraph [0022] and replace with the following paragraph:

[0022] Rear tab 112 extends laterally outward away from shelf longitudinal axis 106 (shown in Figure 3) from side edge 102 for a second distance less than the first distance for which forward stop tab 110 extends. In one embodiment, rear tab 112 extends laterally outward a distance equal to distance for which forward stop tab 110 extends. Additionally, rear tab 112 extends parallel with axis 106 and rear tab 112 includes a forward lip 120 and rear portion 122. Anti-spill guard 58 extends obliquely from a top surface 124 of rim 56, and rounded forward edge 60 extends downward from rim top surface 124. Anti spill guard 58 laterally extends above rim top surface 124 substantially the entire width of rim 56, and includes flared sides 132 to

prevent jamming of anti-spill guard 58 when shelf 38 (shown in Figure 2) is installed onto support frame 36 (shown in Figures 2).

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error therein. Specifically, in paragraph 0022, rim top surface 124 was inadvertently mislabeled 120 and the foregoing amendment corrects this error.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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**SUBMISSION OF MARKED UP PARAGRAPHS**

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In furtherance of the Preliminary Amendment submitted concurrently herewith,  
Applicants hereby submit marked up versions of the amendments therein.

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On page 5, delete paragraph [0022] and replace with the following paragraph:

[0022] Rear tab 112 extends laterally outward away from shelf longitudinal axis 106 (shown in Figure 3) from side edge 102 for a second distance less than the first distance for which forward stop tab 110 extends. In one embodiment, rear tab 112 extends laterally outward a distance equal to distance for which forward stop tab 110 extends. Additionally, rear tab 112 extends parallel with axis 106 and rear tab 112 includes a forward lip 120 and rear portion 122. Anti-spill guard 58 extends obliquely from a top surface 124 of rim 56, and rounded forward edge 60 extends downward from rim top surface 124. Anti spill guard 58 laterally extends above rim top surface [120]124 substantially the entire width of rim 56, and includes flared sides 132 to

prevent jamming of anti-spill guard 58 when shelf 38 (shown in Figure 2) is installed onto support frame 36 (shown in Figures 2).

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REQUEST FOR DRAWING CHANGE

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In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated March 6, 2002, five (5) sheets of formal drawings are submitted herewith. Additionally, Applicants submit the present request for drawing change for Figure 3. Attached is a copy of the drawing of record for Figure 3, with the proposed drawing change in red permanent ink for approval by the Examiner. Specifically, Figure 3 has been amended to include a shelf longitudinal axis 106 that was inadvertently omitted in Figure 3, but described in the application as filed. Hence, Figure 3 has been amended to secure substantial correspondence with the specification, and no new matter has been added. In anticipation of the approval of the drawing change, the drawing change to Figure 3 has been incorporated into the formal drawings submitted concurrently herewith.

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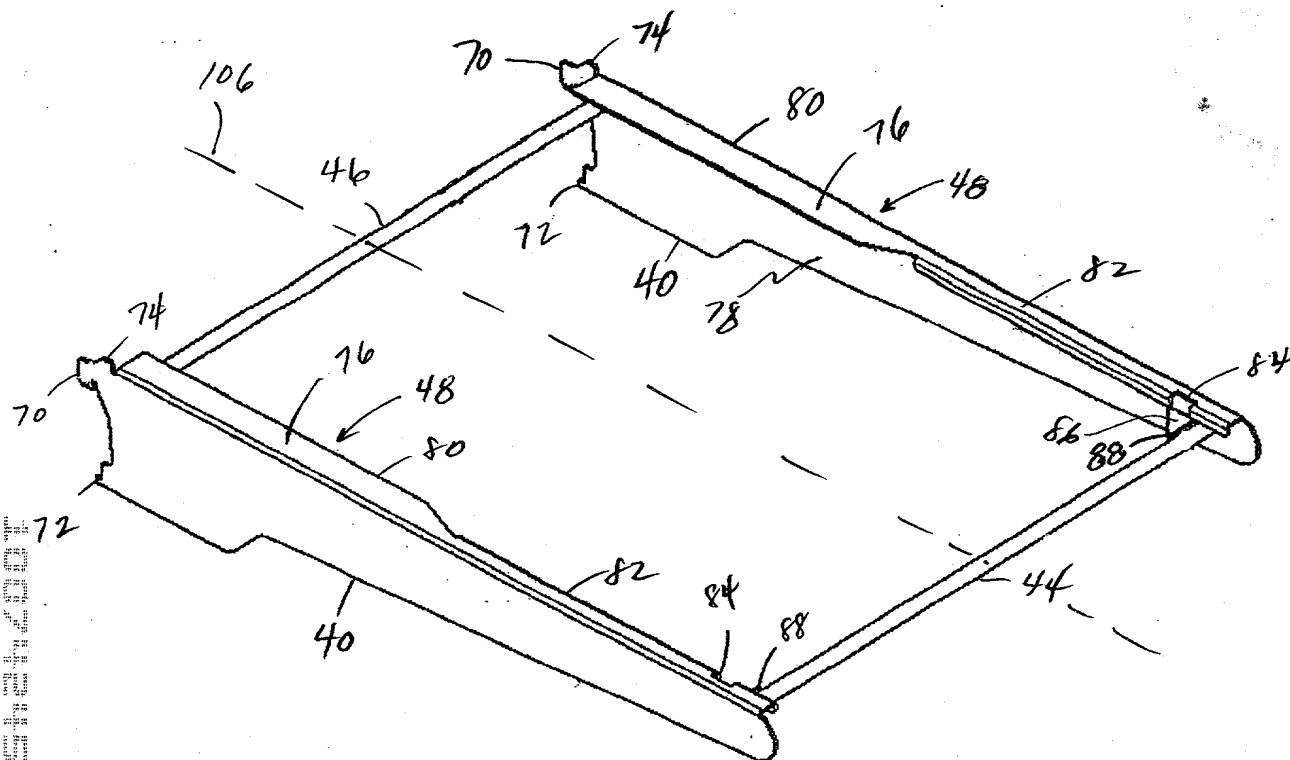


Fig. 3

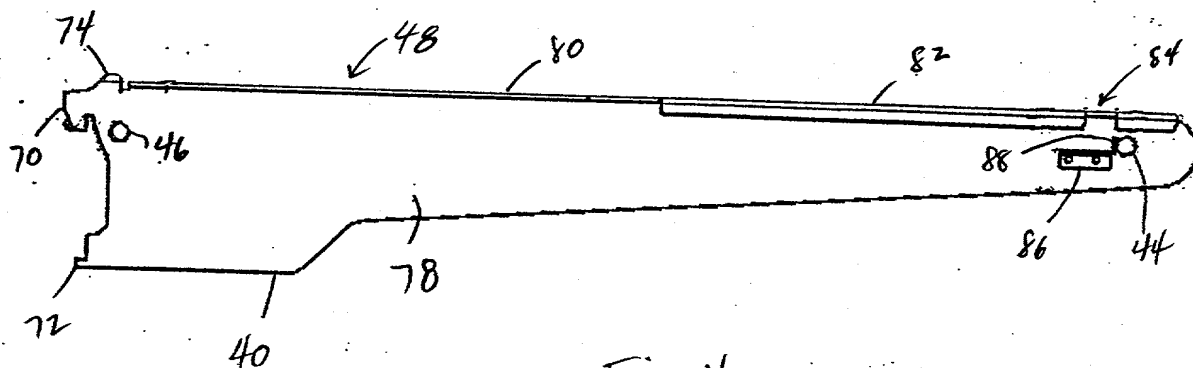


Fig. 4